



August 5, 2004

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**Re: US Oncology, Inc. Advisory Opinion Request**

Dear Mr. Marinelli:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the US Oncology National Policy Board ("USON NPB"), we are writing to support and associate ourselves with the Advisory Opinion request dated June 8, 2004, submitted by USON. In that request, USON seeks the opinion of the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") that it is affiliated with the physician practices with which it has entered service agreements. We support that request and the outcome that USON is seeking.

As you are aware from the Advisory Opinion process, the USON NPB is composed of elected physician representatives from each of the USON-affiliated practices. The Executive Committee of the NPB is composed of physician representatives who are elected by the full NPB membership. The NPB serves USON management in an advisory capacity. In that capacity, the NPB has followed with interest the Advisory Opinion request by the US Oncology, Inc. Good Government Committee to the FEC, and each of the affiliated practices support the request submitted by US Oncology.

On behalf of the USON NPB and all of the USON physician practices, we hope that the Commission will find that physician practices are affiliated with USON. If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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